

WESTCHESTER AND THE BROOK.

Features That Appeal to Our Northern Neighbors.

STRATTON'S BIG FARM.

Westchester Capitalist Quits Lighting Business to Till Soil.

After spending years in the construction and operation of street railway and electric light and gas plants, F. A. Stratton, of Westchester, has gone into farming on a large scale, having recently purchased three farms, aggregating 225 acres, covering a large section of the northern part of the city of New Rochelle. The farms are the largest tract of undeveloped property in this city, with the exception of the lands owned by the Iselin family, which are held almost exclusively for watershed purposes. Mr. Stratton was born in Cattaraugus County, this state, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. He proposes to show the farmers of Westchester County that there is as much money in farming where the land is scientifically cultivated as there is in electricity or gas.

Mr. Stratton's farms command a magnificent view of Long Island Sound, and form the source of three water supply systems—those of New Rochelle, Mount Vernon and Larchmont. The farms cost about \$150,000, and Mr. Stratton will spend \$75,000 more on improvements, to consist of macadam drives, monumental entrances, artificial lakes and gardens. A single drive projected by him will run from Weaver street to Wilmet road, through the center of the farm, a distance of more than a mile.

The lands included in Mr. Stratton's purchase were originally a part of a grant of six thousand acres obtained by Lord Pell from the British government. This grant covered the entire town of New Rochelle, including the city of New Rochelle. On one of the farms is a Negro cemetery, established in 1835 by a Quaker named Joseph Carter. The cemetery contains the graves of nearly a hundred slaves who died in New Rochelle, East Chester and Scarsdale. Mr. Stratton is arranging to clear off the cemetery and give the Negroes another burial place in connection with one of the local cemeteries.

The deeds of the lands go back to the time of Jacob Lesler, who, with other Huguenots, fled from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Lesler and his followers first settled in England, but they soon became so numerous that the government commissioned Lesler to come to America and find homes for them. Lesler purchased a large tract of land from Lord Pell which he named New Rochelle, after his old home, La Rochelle, in France.

Lesler sold the property now owned by Mr. Stratton to Andrew Thaxton, who afterward sold it to Edward Morris and his wife, who had a house on it in 1834. A part of this house, which is one of the oldest in New Rochelle, is still standing on the farm, and is an object of constant interest to the old and the new. The wooden pins, and the hinges and drawers on the doors are hand wrought. The rails on the stairways are worn as smooth as glass from constant use for more than two hundred years. Here, through the old and the new, Mr. Stratton discovered the ancient spinning wheel which was used by the early Huguenot settlers who, before the Revolution, were the mainstay of the New Rochelle community.

The deed shows that in 1700 the property was conveyed to another Huguenot family, by the name of Bonnet. Descendants of the Bonnetts still living in this county, at New Rochelle and Hastings-on-Hudson. At the death of Daniel Bonnett the property went to John Soule, who married Bonnett's daughter. The Soule family was prominent in New Rochelle for nearly a century, and the other descendants of John Soule, was a noted Whig and held the office of Supervisor in 1848. John and Daniel Soule, two other members of the family, were prominent in the struggle during the Revolution rather than fight against Great Britain.

Thomas Drake, the last owner of the property, died in 1870. He was a great-grandson of Daniel Bonnett, who bought the place in 1700. Mr. Stratton is gathering up some of the relics which are scattered about the place, and will probably give them to the new Rochelle Public Library or the high school.

LOVE BETTING RING MEETING.

Patrons Decide to Hold Similar Ones Through the Summer.

This place was consecrated of old to the service of sin, and was set apart to the purpose of the Evil One. May it now be consecrated to holier purposes.

These were the opening words of the address of the Rev. Dr. Warren, at the revival meeting held in the betting ring of the old Morris Park track Sunday afternoon. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Evangelistic committee of New York City. The leader was the Rev. Francis E. Smiley, of Denver.

The service had been advertised as a "track show" and the Rev. Dr. Warren, at 2 1/2 o'clock, there were not a hundred persons within the enclosure, but by 4 o'clock they came trooping in. In each number that the ushers had to pull out the chairs from behind the screen and bid the speakers' platform from the larger part of the enclosure opening on the track. This sudden influx was due mainly to the American Volunteer Band, commanded by Colonel Lindsay, which came up from the city and was playing one of the quick-step airs that used to be a great attraction when sung by Ira D. Baker. A woman in a white waist and skirt danced the cygnet and a girl with tuxedo hat played the French horn.

After the open air meeting many of the pastors of the borough attended a meeting at which Rev. Samuel S. May, of New Rochelle, presided. He made the meeting a permanent feature for the summer.

HEALTHY BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Building operations in The Bronx are still active, though the recent boom, which had been somewhat excessive, has subsided and given place to more normal conditions. The following building plans were filed last week:

70-100th st., n. e. 150 ft. n. of 255th st.; one story brick building, 22 1/2 ft. in size, and costing \$109; owner, J. A. Sullivan, No. 652 East 100th st., architect.

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STUDY BRONX GEOLOGY.

Dr. Hollick Conducts Party to the Park.

The oppressive heat of last week did not deter Dr. Arthur Hollick, of the New York Botanical Garden, from plotting the first scientific field excursion of the Bronx Society of Arts and Sciences to the Bronx Park, from explaining and exemplifying some local geological features. Upon the Harlem quadrangle chart of the United States Geological Survey Dr. Hollick pointed out the general topographical features of The Bronx—a series of parallel ridges and valleys. The ridges were of schist and gneiss, while the valleys were of dolomite or limestone, which was the determining cause of the topography, for the limestone, being the softer, became worn down in time, forming the valleys and river beds. Through the movement of the earth's crust vertical rock strata had been forced into that position from its usual horizontal bed. The original channel of the Bronx River, he said, had continued down to the Harlem River, as indicated by the course of the dolomite bed, but through the stoppage of bowlders and other material brought down with the current it had been deflected to the east and had formed a new channel for itself to the Sound, and the gorge was the result.

In the gorge Dr. Hollick pointed out evidences of a former higher level of the river and a corresponding width, which indicated a mightier river than the present narrow stream. Dr. Hollick pointed out the "pot holes," which are high above the present river level, and said these holes in the rock were formed by the action of bowlders swirling around in a crevice, leaving the glacial period. The holes were enlarged into "pot holes," after which the bowlders slipped out. He showed ridges across the face of a large rock surface which, he said, had been worn during the glacial period.

Dr. Hollick described the depression north of the museum, which, he said, had once been a large lake—now covered by bog, peat, muck and decayed vegetable matter. He called attention to the fact that a stratum of sand and gravel twenty-two feet thick had been deposited in what was formerly the bed of the lake. Dr. Hollick said that in the underlying swamp vegetation had been found preserved fossil leaves and other vegetable remains.

In the party with Dr. Hollick were Dr. N. L. Britton, director of the New York Botanical Garden; the Rev. J. Barry MacKeepe and Mr. MacKeepe, Miss Jackson, Albert E. Davis and Ignatz Gruber.

The next field excursion will take place on Saturday, July 21, under the direction of Dr. N. L. Britton, who will lecture on trees, leaving the New York Botanical Museum steps, in Bronx Park, at 3 p. m.

IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Attractions and Delights at Briarcliff.

Briarcliff Manor, July 7 (Special).—It has been a busy week at Briarcliff Lodge, for two reasons. For one thing, it brought the "glorious Fourth," which always means a doubling up of all normal records of motor car and driving, and this year the number of drivers and transients exceeded anything before. The business men, who go to town as a rule, had a friend or two come to pass the holiday with them, and the entertainment of the children was an all day performance, with a modest display of fireworks in the evening. The swimming pool, golf links, of course, and tennis courts were all in use. And, in addition, the week has brought two ball games. The sport was started here to kill off Sunday ball, and is confined to Saturdays and holidays, to the apparent satisfaction of all. It is also held on an amateur basis, every man playing being an enemy of Briarcliff interests, playing without pay and under articles rigidly insisting on clean play and square games.

The Lodge register tells a tale for the week, and only a few of the arrivals can be noted. Frank Trumbull, president of the Colorado & Southern Railroad, with Mrs. Trumbull; Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Edlitz and Miss Grace Edlitz, Mrs. Henry P. Quast and Miss Quast, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, of the New York Air Brake Company, with Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. Richard J. Thompson and Miss Ethel Thompson came over in their motor car from their country place at Greenwich to lunch with Mrs. John F. Edlitz and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnston, a New York lawyer, with Mrs. Johnston, is here for the month of July.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, of New York, were one including Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Harper and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Supton, of Kirtland, Ohio, with Mrs. Kirtland, Miss Jeanette Kirtland and Miss Helen Kirtland, here for a few weeks stay.

C. W. Middendorf, of Brooklyn, is here, with Mrs. Middendorf, and Mrs. Post, Jr., of Beckman, Mrs. Townsend, Miss Townsend, Henry C. Clevs and James B. Clevs, of New York.

SEEK SITE FOR YONKERS POSTOFFICE.

Although the appropriation was passed by Congress less than three weeks ago, advertisements are appearing in the Yonkers newspapers calling upon property owners to submit suitable sites for the new postoffice building to be erected in that city.

The appropriation was obtained through the efforts of Mr. Richard J. Thompson, an Independent, who has been in the city for twenty years and has been in the city for twenty years and has been in the city for twenty years. He is now in the city for twenty years and has been in the city for twenty years.

OF NORTH SIDE INTEREST.

Old Heidelberg, the new roof garden over the Metropolitan Theatre, Third avenue and 145th street, was opened on Saturday night, and, in spite of the rain, proved a great success. The vaudeville was especially enjoyed by a large crowd.

The July Meeting of the 23d Ward Property Owners' Association was held Friday evening in Protection Hall, Courtlandt avenue and 152d street.

The Morrisania Yacht Club will hold its third annual carnival of water sports this afternoon at South Brother Island. The carnival will be preceded by launch and power boat races, and will be followed in the evening by dancing.

URGES THIRD TRACK.

Bronx Taxpayers' Alliance Writes to Rapid Transit Commission.

The joint rapid transit committee, representing the Bronx Taxpayers' Alliance and allied organizations, sent the following letter last week to the Rapid Transit Commission, urging the adoption of a third track for the Third avenue elevated line:

The special committee on railroad facilities of the Taxpayers' Alliance, representing associations of taxpayers on the Boulevard of the Bronx, has been instructed to respectfully lay before your honorable board the following:

That the taxpayers of that fast growing borough are of the opinion that the necessities and requirements of that great artery should be considered in preference to the clamor of outside clubs or associations, not in majority taxpayers, and represented by irresponsible parties, who cannot bring substantial arguments in opposition to the solid and hard facts presented to your honorable board by able and practical men, having the interest of the borough at heart, and who are not carrying out the will of the people.

That the Borough of the Bronx requires immediate improvements in transit no sane man can deny, and that the present structure cannot be maintained in transit through subways to be constructed within the next six years no sane man can believe.

That the old, central and settled parts of the borough, Morrisania, Tremont, Fordham, Bedford Park, Fairmount and other places, are without adequate transit facilities and no provisions made for present or future relief is well known to all.

That the borough has increased in number of population every year since consolidation more than any other borough in the city, and that Manhattan empties into the Borough of the Bronx daily during the summer months many thousands of its population pent up in its crowded tenements, and that the streets, parks and fresh air of the Bronx is well known and also that no provisions have been made to accommodate the additional throng as to traveling facilities.

That if immediate relief as to transit facilities is not accorded the borough, the increase of population must naturally come to a standstill, and the home-seekers will go to New Jersey, where they are permitted to have something to say as to transit.

That the proposition submitted to your honorable board, as shown on map also submitted June 28, is fair and just and fair minded man, it is believed, will deny.

All elevated roads are constructed to accommodate three lines of tracks, except in a few sections, and the third line of tracks in the elevated structure, and therefore cannot materially add to obstruction of light on the sides, and as those lines of third track are now mostly used for storing cars, common sense tells that the present structure cannot obstruct light as do lines of stored cars.

And here the alliance, through this committee, desires to call the attention of your honorable board to the fact that at the present time, June 28, Dr. Darlington, the president of the Department of Health, who, it is understood, changed his residence from The Bronx on account of its poor railway accommodations, has in his report, which is an important document for the health of the city to add the enemies of prosperity and progress for The Bronx, but in attempting saying something he could not say, he has said that the above points were true; he could not show that the third line of tracks had caused unhealthiness where now constructed, or materially interfered with the health of the city.

To give accommodation in transit to The Bronx it will be necessary to complete the third line of tracks, and to do this it is necessary to track of the Manhattan system, which is now nearly completed, and to have not been many complaints from taxpayers on that ground.

The Ninth avenue line gives satisfactory accommodation to the commuters. Why should the East Side and The Bronx not be entitled to the same?

The alliance has for many years taken a great interest in the improvement of transit, and with the aid of the Property Owners' Association of the 23d Ward succeeded in having the elevated road extended through The Bronx, and also succeeded, after much hard work, in securing a 60-cent fare from 10 o'clock to the upper end of the city, but it does not advocate the improvements submitted as a permanent measure, but only as temporary relief until other systems are completed, and it is of the opinion that the railroad company should pay to the city a fair and equitable recompense for the privilege of the three tracks.

The alliance, in behalf of the many thousands of taxpayers it represents, hopes that your honorable board will reconsider the important question and permit no fads and fancies to stand in the way of progress and prosperity for The Bronx.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ALDERMAN.

The city of Yonkers is to have a special election on July 16 to choose one alderman. When John H. Coyns was nominated for Mayor last fall he retained the office of alderman of the 2d Ward until his re-election as Mayor. John H. Coyns is now a vacancy.

Had Mayor Coyns resigned his office before election he would have been eligible for re-election as alderman of the 2d Ward, which would have saved the cost of a special election, which in this case, according to the City Attorney, will be nearly \$1,000.

ITALY'S TOBACCO MONOPOLY.

Government Reaps a Net Profit of Nearly \$35,000,000 a Year.

The tobacco monopoly maintained by the Italian government has proved very profitable. The total revenue for the fiscal year 1904-'05 amounted to \$45,071,832 while the total expenses were only \$9,739,982, and the value of the stock employed \$58,239, leaving a net profit in the operation of the monopoly of \$34,845,510, which was an increase of \$1,885,167 over that of the preceding year. Thus the net profit represents 77.08 per cent and the expenses 21.92 per cent of the total proceeds, a considerable increase in the income and a proportionate decrease in the expenses.

There were sold in Italy for domestic consumption during the year 381,022 pounds of manufactured tobacco, and 147,486 pounds were exported in excess of the exportations of last year, which should have increased the cost of manufacturing by about \$465,600, while the expenditures, in fact, were only about \$342,500 above those of the preceding year. Although the annual amount of tobacco consumed by the Italian people has increased by eleven grams, it is still much lower than during 1886-'87, the year after the change of tariff rates. During that year the average consumption of tobacco was 655 grams a head. The increase of revenue was five cents for each inhabitant, and, what is of more importance, the net profit was seven cents a head.

WESTCHESTER NOTES.

McCurdy Spikes, of Mount Vernon, has been appointed by the supervisors to represent Westchester County at the fourteenth annual irrigation convention at Boise City, Idaho, September 18, without expense to the county.

There was a debate at the meeting of the supervisors on Monday on the question of better ventilation for the county jail. Supervisor Goodhart, of Yonkers, who was a member of the recent grand jury, said that the juryman had visited the jail and found that the ventilation was so imperfect that there was an epidemic of typhoid fever. He offered a resolution to refer the question to a committee for investigation. Supervisor A. Smith, of the county, opposed the resolution. "The jail," he said, "is the healthiest place in Westchester County, because no one ever dies in it. They had the smallpox there, but the jail is the healthiest place in the county." The point was raised that there could be no harm in making an investigation and the motion was passed.

The will of ex-Supervisor Jacob R. Wilkins, of New Rochelle, was filed last week. He left an estate valued at about \$50,000. He bequeathed his real and personal property to his wife, who is also to have a life interest in the estate. On her death or remarriage the income is to be divided among Mr. Wilkins's nephews.

While playing tennis at the home of District Attorney Young at New Rochelle last week, Frank V. Millard, of Tarrytown, fell and sprained his shoulder. He was taken home in Mr. Young's automobile.

Owing to the number of murders and shootings which are being committed by the hordes of Italians who are crowding into Westchester County to work on the conversion to electricity of the New York Central and New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads Sheriff Merritt yesterday had a consultation with Assistant District Attorney Weeks for the purpose of formulating a plan to remove these new arrivals, many of whom are cut-throats and bandits from the hills of Sicily, to give up their firearms and stiletto. Mr. Weeks informed Sheriff Merritt that he had carried out a compulsory search of the Italians without first having evidence to show that they had firearms or other weapons. Sheriff Merritt decided to give notice to the police of all cities and villages to begin a raid on the Italian population, and to give notice of firearms and dangerous weapons, and Mr. Weeks will ask the various judges to impose a heavy penalty on all offenders.

MOUNT VERNON.

Mrs. Mary Conover, of No. 182 Park avenue, Chester Hill, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Mary Spence Conover, to Edward Vernon Brush, son of Mayor Edward F. Brush. The wedding will take place at Easter next year.

A. B. Davis, principal of the high school, has gone to his farm in the central part of the state. F. H. Calcott has returned home, leaving Mrs. Calcott in Paris, where she will remain for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hoffman and family have gone to their summer home in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Roger M. Sherman and daughters have gone to their summer home, at Cragmoor.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sanford and family are the guests at Wolfboro, N. H.

The lawn fête given on July 4 in aid of the children's ward of the hospital was made interesting by the presence of a company of vaudeville artists, headed by Billy Clifford, originator of the song, "Mother, Mother, Mother, in Rome on a Day." The Rev. George L. Thompson, of the Universalist Church, has resigned. The resignation is to take effect on July 15.

Miss Marion Sanford, of Warwick, N. Y., was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Mrs. Sanford at the home of Miss Sanford at the Gramatan Inn, on Monday evening, July 2.

Dr. Edwin W. Van Denburgh has been appointed Commissioner of Parks and will look after the treatment of the city without compensation.

On July 15 Miss Harriet Hauser expects to leave Mount Vernon for Seattle, Wash., where she will engage in the retail business of a clothing store. Dr. Elizabeth C. Slight and family are at their cottage at Bushy Point, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Allen are spending the summer at their farm at Redding, Conn.

Dr. George Clarke Peck, of Scranton, Penn., has been elected to the office of Methodist minister. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Anderson.

Mr. Jacques W. Redway and Miss Katherine V. Clark are spending a few weeks in Nova Scotia.

Among the Mount Vernon people who returned to the city last week were Mrs. Charles A. Culver, who are at "Arkansas," Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Adams and family have returned to the city from their vacation at the near-by Mt. Pleasant, Conn., and will spend the summer.

Dr. Montford C. Close and family are occupying their summer quarters at Oakland Beach, Conn. Among others who are summering at Oakland Beach are Thomas E. Skinner and family from Mount Vernon.

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ROCKEFELLER WANTS TAX REFUND.

Rockefeller brought an action in the Westchester County Court to compel certain officials and the attorney of North Tarrytown to return to the treasury of Mount Pleasant fees collected during the fight over Mr. Rockefeller's assessments.

The court has granted the request for a writ of mandamus, and the officials are ordered to return the money. The case is expected to be decided in a few days.

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